

**MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THORNTON TOWNSHIP HALL
333 E 162nd St SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473
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March 22, 2022

Thornton Township Supervisor Henyard called the Thornton Township Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

PRESENT: Trustee's Gerald "Jerry" Jones, Christopher Gonzalez, Joyce Washington, and Supervisor Tiffany Henyard.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Loretta Wells, Highway Commissioner Geary DePue, Attorney Tiffany Nelson Jaworski and Attorney James Vasselli

ABSENT: Trustee Darlene Gray-Everett

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the first item on the agenda was public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Longtime Resident of South Holland, Hank Michaellesko (neighbor of Frank Zuccarelli) stood to address the public. Frank did a fantastic job. He congratulated Supervisor Henyard on her appointment. Hank explained that he hadn't seen Frank in a while, but he planned to have a conversation with Frank concerning "who are you grooming to take over" but never got to that point. He explains "with all due respect, this is a full-time job, and I wish you well", he suggested "I think the board should reevaluate the compensation as a taxpayer, a certain base salary but a decent salary "when you do a good job, you're going to be rewarded". Get out, register to vote and I just wish you all well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Minutes of the Reconvened Board of Trustees Meeting held March 3, 2022, at 10:50pm. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 2 Trustee Gonzalez and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 2 Trustees Jones, Washington

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

There being two affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting held March 8, 2022, at 7:00pm. The motion was made by Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Supervisor Henyard. There being no questions or comments Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 2 Trustee Gonzalez and Supervisor Henyard

PASS: 2 Trustees Jones, Washington

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

There being two affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Bills of the General Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the General Assistance Fund as presented to the Board for payment. The motion was made by Trustee Washington and seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve the Bills of the Road and Bridge Fund. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to Ratify the Phone Poll conducted on March 8, 2022, to approve a Resolution Authorizing Thornton Township Participation in the 2022 Program Year, Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program- **Project Street Resurfacing Program**. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Trustee Jones asked if there were certain streets that need resurfacing or is this just in general. Hwy Comm. DePue stated that there are 5 different roads that needs repaving, the grant money will help complete this. The roads have been sitting for a long time and it's long overdue. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

ABSENT: 1 Trustee Gray-Everett

There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to Ratify the Phone Poll conducted on March 11, 2022, to approve a Resolution Authorizing Thornton Township Participation in the 2022 Program Year, Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program- **Harvey Food Pantry**. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Gonzalez. Trustee Jones asked for more information on this project. Finance Director, Hunt, explained that the pantry needs an expansion for purposes of including a Grocery Store like shopping experience for residents, called the Zmart. We are very excited about the project. There being no further questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

Trustee Gray-Everett enters @7:14pm

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to approve April 12, 2022, Annual Town Hall Meeting Agenda. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

PERSONNEL:

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS/TERMINATIONS:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to terminate Jessica Jones, HR Assistant Manager. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to terminate Stephanie Wiedeman, Executive Assistance to the Supervisor. The motion was made by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Washington. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 4 Trustees Jones, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

NO: 1 Trustee Gonzalez

There being four affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

TRANSFER/PROMOTION/STATUS CHANGE: None

APPOINTMENT/NEW HIRE: None

CLOSED SESSION:

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to go into closed session to discuss the following personnel: resignations, retirements, terminations, transfer, promotion, status changes appointments and new hires. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

The Board entered closed session at 7:16pm.

Closed Session ended at 8:15pm.

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to reconvene the Board of Trustees meeting at 8:15p.m. Clerk Wells called the roll. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried**

Action to Follow Closed Session: None

MISCELLANEOUS: None

Supervisor Henyard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Trustee Washington, seconded by Trustee Jones. There being no questions or comments, Supervisor Henyard asked Clerk Wells to call the roll.

On the Roll Call, the vote was:

YES: 5 Trustees Jones, Gonzalez, Gray-Everett, Washington, and Supervisor Henyard

There being five affirmative votes, **the motion carried.**

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:19pm.

X

Tiffany A. Henyard
Supervisor

X

Loretta Wells
Clerk

X

Joyce M. Washington
Trustee

X

Darelene Gray-Everett
Trustee

X

Gerald "Jerry" Jones
Trustee

X

Christopher Gonzalez
Trustee